

RE: DOCKETS 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

To whom it may concern:

The FDA must do more than put **Bacteria warning** labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The FDA should **ban forced molting** because it has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. **Forced molting** is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. **THE CRUELTY AND CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED.** 98-24-99 SEP 27 15:45

The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting that injure human health. The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban **forced molting**. This petition should be granted without further delay.

OTHER COMMENTS _____

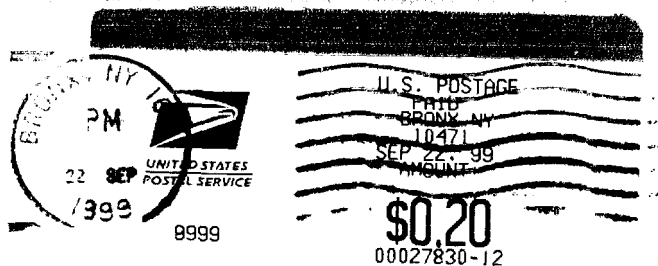
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